



IN THE SPECIFICATION:

NE Please disregard previous amendment ("On Page 10, lines 11 and 12, please delete [R]"), and instead, please amend as follows:

On page 11, line 10, after the word "acids", please delete the remainder of the sentence [which has the amino acid sequence LIRX₁NN X₂T X₃ X₄ X₃ X₁ X₁, where X₁ is any amino acid; X₂ is any amino acid, but not L or R; X₃ is a charged amino acid; and X₄, when present, is a charged amino acid].

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 4 as follows and substitute it for the previously amended claim 4.

E1 Jul 32 4. (Twice amended) A pharmaceutical composition for treating neuropathic pain, comprising:
[the]a prosaposin receptor agonist consisting of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2 in an effective amount that is greater than 20 µg/kg and less than 100 µg/kg of body weight; and
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

REMARKS

These remarks and amendments are in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2001. Claims 3 to 8 are pending. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to independent claims, and to eliminate recitation of a generic consensus sequence.

The specific responses hereunder are numbered to correspond with the Office Action layout.